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CURRENT HOUSE FLOOR PROCEEDINGS

LEGISLATIVE DAY OF JULY 26, 2007

110TH CONGRESS - FIRST SESSION

H.R. 3093:
making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce
and Justice, and Science, and Related Agencies for the
fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, and for other purposes

4:59 P.M. -
Floor summary: DEBATE.

4:58 P.M. -
Mr. Lewis (CA) moved to recommit with instructions to
Appropriations.

The House adopted the amendments en gross as agreed to
by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the
Union.

4:57 P.M. -
The House rose from the Committee of the Whole
House on the state of the Union to report
H.R. 3093.

4:56 P.M. -

On motion to rise and report

Agreed to by voice vote.

Mr. Mollohan moved for the Committee of the Whole to rise and report.

4:55 P.M. -

On agreeing to the Campbell (CA) amendment

Failed by recorded vote:

(Roll No. 742).

4:52 P.M. -

On agreeing to the Musgrave amendment

Failed by recorded vote:

(Roll No. 741).

4:48 P.M. -

On agreeing to the Price (GA) amendment

Failed by recorded vote:

(Roll No. 740).

4:45 P.M. -

On agreeing to the Jordan amendment

Failed by recorded vote:

(Roll No. 739).

4:41 P.M. -

On agreeing to the Upton amendment

Agreed to by recorded vote:

(Roll No. 738).

4:37 P.M. -

On agreeing to the Pence amendment

Agreed to by recorded vote:

(Roll No. 737).

4:31 P.M. -

On agreeing to the Flake amendment
Failed by recorded vote:
(Roll No. 736).

4:28 P.M. -

On agreeing to the Flake amendment
Failed by recorded vote:
(Roll No. 735).

4:23 P.M. -

On agreeing to the Stearns amendment
Failed by recorded vote:
(Roll No. 734).

3:57 P.M. -

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - The Chair announced that the unfinished business was the question of adoption of amendments which had been debated earlier and on which further proceedings had been postponed.

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On agreeing to the Garrett (NJ) amendment
Agreed to by voice vote.

3:55 P.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to a previous order of the House, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Garrett (NJ) amendment.

Amendment offered by Mr. Garrett (NJ).

An amendment to prohibit the use of funds to be used to send or otherwise pay for the attendance of more than 50 employees from a Federal department or agency at any single conference occurring outside the United States.

3:54 P.M. -

By unanimous consent, the Conaway amendment was withdrawn.

3:49 P.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to a previous order of the House, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Conaway amendment, pending reservation of a point of order.

Amendment offered by Mr. Conaway.

An amendment to express the sense of the House that any reduction in the amount appropriated by this Act achieved as a result of amendments adopted by the House should be dedicated to deficit reduction.

3:48 P.M. -

POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Campbell amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Campbell demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.

3:17 P.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to a previous order of the House, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 30 minutes of debate on the Campbell amendment.

Amendment offered by Mr. Campbell (CA).

An amendment numbered 37 printed in the Congressional Record to reduce the total amount appropriated in this Act by 0.05 percent.

3:16 P.M. -
POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Musgrave amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mrs. Musgrave demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.

2:40 P.M. -
DEBATE - Pursuant to a previous order of the House, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 30 minutes of debate on the Musgrave amendment.

Amendment offered by Mrs. Musgrave.

An amendment to reduce funds in the bill by 0.5 percent.

2:39 P.M. -
On agreeing to the King (IA) amendment
Agreed to by voice vote.

2:35 P.M. -
DEBATE - Pursuant to a previous order of the House, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the King (IA) amendment.

Amendment offered by Mr. King (IA).

An amendment to prohibit use of funds in the bill for the hiring of illegal aliens.

POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Price (GA) amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Price (GA) demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.

1:48 P.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to a previous order of the House, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 30 minutes of debate on the Price (GA) amendment.

Amendment offered by Mr. Price (GA).

An amendment to make the total appropriations made in this Act (other than appropriations required to be made by a provision of law) are hereby reduced by \$750,000,000.

Subsequently, the Committee resumed it's sitting.

1:47 P.M. -

The House received a message from the Senate. The Senate passed
H.R. 1538
amended.

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The Committee of the Whole rose informally to receive a message from the Senate.

1:46 P.M. -

POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Jordan amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Jordan demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.

1:19 P.M. -

DEBATE - Pursuant to a previous order of the House, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 30 minutes of debate on the Jordan amendment.

Amendment offered by Mr. Jordan.

An amendment to provide that each amount appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act that is not required to be appropriated or otherwise made available by a provision of law is reduced by 3.0 percent.

1:18 P.M. -

POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Upton amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Upton demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.

1:17 P.M. -

Amendment offered by Mr. Upton.

An amendment to prohibit funds to be used to purchase light bulbs unless the light bulb have the "ENERGY STAR" or "Federal Energy Management Program" designation.

On agreeing to the Jackson-Lee (TX) amendment
Agreed to by voice vote.

1:11 P.M. -
DEBATE - Pursuant to a previous order of the House, the
Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate
on the Jackson-Lee amendment.

Amendment offered by Ms. Jackson-Lee (TX).

An amendment to prohibit the funds made available in this
Act may be used in violation of Subtitle A of Title VIII
(International Space Station Independent Safety Taskforce)
of the NASA Authorization Act of 2005.

On agreeing to the Jackson-Lee (TX) amendment
Agreed to by voice vote.

1:07 P.M. -
DEBATE - Pursuant to a previous order of the House, the
Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate
on the Jackson-Lee amendment.

Amendment offered by Ms. Jackson-Lee (TX).

An amendment to redirect \$10 million in funding regarding
the Department of Justice.

On agreeing to the Jackson-Lee (TX) amendment
Agreed to by voice vote.

1:02 P.M. -
DEBATE - Pursuant to a previous order of the House, the
Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate

on the Jackson-Lee amendment.

Amendment offered by Ms. Jackson-Lee (TX).

An amendment to reduce the amount made available for the Department of Justice-Office of Justice Programs-state and local law enforcement assistance and by increasing the amount made available for the Department of Justice-Office of Justice Programs-state and local law enforcement assistance by \$10 million.

By unanimous consent, the Mack amendment was withdrawn.

12:53 P.M. -
DEBATE - Pursuant to a previous order of the House, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Mack amendment pending reservation of a point of order.

12:52 P.M. -
Amendment offered by Mr. Mack.

An amendment to prohibit the use of funds be used to carry out the composition and delivery of exigent circumstances letters, that indicate that a grand jury subpoena is forthcoming where none has been convened or where there is no reasonable likelihood that one will be convened, to United States citizens, businesses, banks, firms or any other entity that retains personal identity information about citizens

By unanimous consent, the Inslee amendment was withdrawn.

12:49 P.M. -
DEBATE - Pursuant to a previous order of the House, the Committee of the Whole proceeded with 10 minutes of debate on the Inslee amendment pending reservation of a point of order.

Amendment offered by Mr. Inslee.

An amendment to prohibit the use of funds regarding federal law enforcement on tribal land.

12:48 P.M. -
The House resolved into Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration.

Considered as unfinished business.

12:42 P.M. -
ORDER OF PROCEDURE - Mr. Mollohan asked unanimous consent that during further consideration of H.R. 3093 in the Committee of the Whole pursuant to the provisions of H.Res. 562, no further amendment to the bill will be in order except those provided on a list at the desk. Agreed to without objection.

Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union rises leaving H.R. 3093 as unfinished business.

12:41 P.M. -
On motion that the committee rise
Agreed to by voice vote.

Mr. Mollohan moved that the committee rise.

12:40 P.M. -
POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - Pursuant to the unanimous consent

request just agreed to, the Chair put the question on adoption of the Pence amendment (de novo) and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Shays demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.

12:39 P.M. -
VACATING PROCEEDINGS - Mr. Shays asked unanimous consent that the proceedings by which the Pence amendment were agreed to be vacated to the end that the Chair put the question de novo. Agreed to without objection.

On agreeing to the Fossella amendment
Agreed to by voice vote.

12:29 P.M. -
DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the Fossella amendment under the five-minute rule.

Amendment offered by Mr. Fossella.

An amendment to prohibit the use of funds to be used to carry out the decision of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in *Lin, et al. v. United States Department of Justice* rendered on July 16, 2007.

POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Flake amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Flake demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.

12:18 P.M. -
DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the Flake amendment under the five-minute rule.

Amendment offered by Mr. Flake.

An amendment to limit the use of funds to be used for the East Coast Shellfish Research Institute at the East Coast Shellfish Growers Association, Toms River, New Jersey.

12:11 P.M. -

Mr. Frelinghuysen raised a point of order against the Nadler amendment Mr. Frelinghuysen stated that the Nadler amendment sought to make changes to existing law and impose additional duties and constituted legislation in an appropriations bill.
The Chair sustained the point of order.

12:01 P.M. -

DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the Nadler amendment under the five-minute rule pending reservation of a point of order.

Amendment offered by Mr. Nadler.

An amendment to prohibit the use of funds to be used to enforce section 505 of the USA PATRIOT Act until the Department of Justice conducts a full review and delivers to Congress a report on the use of National Security Letters to collect information on U.S. persons who are not suspected to be agents of a foreign power as that term is defined in 50 U.S.C. 1801.

11:59 A.M. -

By unanimous consent, the Nadler amendment was withdrawn.

11:55 A.M. -

DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the Nadler amendment under the five-minute rule.

Amendment offered by Mr. Nadler.

An amendment to increase funding for the Jessica Gonzales Victims Assistance Program by \$5 million.

11:54 A.M. -
On agreeing to the Pence amendment
Agreed to by voice vote.

11:49 A.M. -
DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the Pence amendment under the five-minute rule.

Amendment offered by Mr. Pence.

An amendment numbered 25 printed in the Congressional Record to prohibit use of funds in the bill to enforce the amendments made by subtitle A of title II of Public Law 107-155.

On agreeing to the Flake amendment
Failed by voice vote.

11:19 A.M. -
DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the Flake amendment under the five-minute rule.

11:18 A.M. -
Amendment offered by Mr. Flake.

An amendment to prohibit use of funds in the bill for the National Textile Centers.

11:17 A.M. -

On agreeing to the Flake amendment

Failed by voice vote.

11:04 A.M. -

DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the Flake amendment under the five-minute rule.

Amendment offered by Mr. Flake.

An amendment to strike the \$720,000 appropriation in the bill for meteorological equipment at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana.

POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Flake amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Flake demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.

10:53 A.M. -

DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the Flake amendment under the five-minute rule.

10:52 A.M. -

Amendment offered by Mr. Flake.

An amendment to strike the \$200,000 appropriation in the bill for the Lobster Institute at the University of Maine in Orono, Maine.

10:51 A.M. -

POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS - At the conclusion of debate on the Stearns amendment, the Chair put the question on adoption of

the amendment and by voice vote, announced that the noes had prevailed. Mr. Stearns demanded a recorded vote and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of adoption of the amendment until later in the legislative day.

10:33 A.M. -
DEBATE - The Committee of the Whole proceeded with debate on the Stearns amendment under the five-minute rule.

Amendment offered by Mr. Stearns.

An amendment numbered 1 printed in the Congressional Record to prohibit use of funds for the EEOC may be used for litigation expenses incurred in connection with cases commenced after the date of the enactment of this Act against employers on the grounds that such employers require employees to speak English.

The House resolved into Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration.

10:32 A.M. -
Considered as unfinished business.

10:05 A.M. -
ONE MINUTE SPEECHES - The House proceeded with one minute speeches.

10:04 A.M. -
The House received a message from the Senate. The Senate passed
S. 1642,
S. 1716,
and
S. 1877.
Senate agreed to
H. Con. Res. 190.

10:03 A.M. -

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - The Chair designated Mr. Barrett of SC to lead the Members in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

10:02 A.M. -

POSTPONED PROCEEDINGS ON APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL - The Chair announced that he had examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and had approved it. The Chair put the question on agreeing to the approval of the Journal and by voice vote announced that the ayes had prevailed. Mr. Sessions objected to the voice vote based upon the absence of a quorum and the Chair postponed further proceedings on the question of agreeing to the approval of the Journal until later in the legislative day.

10:01 A.M. -

Today's prayer was offered by the House Chaplain, Rev. Daniel Coughlin.

10:00 A.M. -

The Speaker designated the Honorable Peter Welch to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

The House convened, starting a new legislative day.